

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY WORK SESSION
MARCH 31, 2026

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly work session on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Covington Township Municipal building, Moffat Estate, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA 18444. Chairwoman Kearney opened the work session at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Chairwoman/Secretary Melissa Kearney, Vice-Chairman/DPW Director F. Marshall Peirce, Supervisor Wanda Andreoli, Supervisor William Beavers, and Attorney Joel Wolff. Supervisor William Willson arrived during supervisor comments.

Also present: Building Inspector David Lamm and Police Chief Jeff Lamm.

Agenda: *No changes.*

Announcements: *None.*

Public Comment: *None.*

Minutes: *The draft minutes of March 3, 2026, monthly meeting were presented to the supervisors for their review.*

Bills: *The bills will be presented at the meeting next week.*

Treasurer's Report: *The treasurer's report will be presented at the meeting next week.*

Consent Agenda: *The monthly reports will be submitted for next week's meeting.*

Solicitor: *Atty. Wolff has drafted the developer's agreement for the Amazon land development project. There are still a few outstanding contingencies remaining before the plans can be signed. A brief discussion ensued on the issuance of the building permit, and it was decided that the permits wouldn't be given until the plans have been signed because they can't start that work until that happens. Atty. Wolff also advised he received a call from George Parker regarding Nammo Pocal. A brief discussion ensued on the status of this project which has been ongoing for many years. No recommendations have been received from the planning commission for this. A developer's agreement was drafted a few years ago and may need to be updated. The formula used for the escrow amounts for large-scale projects will be 10% of the infrastructure cost plus \$0.50 per square foot. Any remaining monies will be returned to the parties involved.*

DPW Director: *The dates for the spring clean-up will be May 15th and 16th from 7:00am to 5:00pm. The clean-up will be on the 3rd Saturday of May, which coincides with recycling. Vice-Chairman/DPW Director Peirce will be asking the board to approve the purchase of (8) rear tires for the tandem dump truck. If approved, the tires will be purchased now but installed on the truck in the fall because of the rising costs of materials. Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney spoke on the need to create a road cutting permit application for utility companies, or anyone else, who would like to cut a township road. She advised she has received 2 calls within the past year regarding this, so she created a permit, but would like the board to review the permit application and consider raising the fees accompanying a road cutting permit. A brief discussion ensued on the potential of raising the fees for road cutting and driveway permits.*

Road Department: *Mike Schank, DPW employee, advised the new truck (recently purchased) will be going into production, and may be delivered to Powells the 1st week in May. Vice-Chairman Peirce will be asking the board to approve the purchase of a line painting machine, with paint, at next week's meeting. The machine will cost around \$5,300 plus the cost of paint. This will allow the DPW department to paint lines in the township parking lots and the police department to paint speed lines on the roads. It will also include a sprayer which will allow for painting of stationary objects. The township spent over \$3,000 last year to paint speed lines that need to be re-painted again this year. Chief Lamm advised we will need to order speed limit signs for Route 435. After inquiring about the speed limit for a section of State Route 435, we received information from PennDOT advising us of the actual speed limit. Because*

the speed limit is 35MPH, the township is responsible for the speed limit signs. Mary Lou and Chief Lamm will review this section of the road and advise how many signs will be needed.

Police Department: Chief Lamm will be asking the board to approve the purchase of ammunition for this year. The cost will be approximately \$2,500.00. He also advised the old police car may be sold for \$3,250.00. He would like to receive permission to allow Gene Hart to build and install lockers in the police station for the officers. The cost of this project will be approximately \$3,200.00.

Moffat Maintenance: Henry Kakereka will continue working on the stonework within the next week or so. Dawn has chosen a few paint samples for the kitchen and the 1st floor bathroom door. Chairwoman Kearney advised Yvette Wentlandt and Dustin Zitterbart, from the Moffat Trust, will be at the estate on April 15th to review work that has been completed. A quote has been received from Jake Millan to repair the bottom of the sidewalk at the police station. The total for this repair is \$950.00. An estimate to pave a newly created parking area at the police station was also received from Jake Millan in the amount of \$1,800.00. While Jake Millan blacktopping was at the estate, Vice-Chairman Peirce asked for a quote to repair the blacktop in front of the Moffat garage. Unfortunately, because the pavement is so deteriorated, it will need to be removed and re-paved. The estimate for this work exceeds the sealed bid amount, so it will need to be bid out if the township agrees to complete this work. This will be discussed with the Moffat Trust when they are here.

Recreation committee: The March meeting was cancelled.

New Business:

Apply for Moffat Grant: Chairwoman Kearney would like to apply for a grant from the Moffat Trust this year for reimbursement of the stonework that was repaired last year. She is asking the board to advise her on what additional projects they would like the grant to be for.

Rent street sweeper: A discussion was held on the potential of renting a street sweeper to clean the township roads of cinders, etc. Jefferson Township and Moscow Borough currently rent a street sweeper, and we would be able to rent the sweeper either the week before or after them (week of April 20th or May 11th). The cost to rent the sweeper would be \$3,500 for the week, with a drop off/pick up charge of \$1,300, (this would be split 3 ways if we rented at the same time as Moscow and Jefferson). This may be approved at the meeting next week.

Old Business:

Summer Camp rental ~ Little Acres: Emily DeFaria of Little Acres is interested in renting the pavilion again this year for a summer camp being offered by her day care. She provided a list of the days she would like to utilize the pavilion, and she would like to keep the fee at \$3.25 per child (the same as last year). A brief discussion ensued.

Fee schedule for Ordinance violations: Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney provided the board with a summary of ordinance violation fees that may or may not need to be updated. She asked the board to review the summary and advise on how they would like to proceed.

Correspondence:

DA Letter re: "Lackawanna County Community Service Program": District Attorney Brian Gallagher sent a letter advising the DA's office has reinstated the county Community Service Program. A flyer describing the program with instructions on how to sign up was also included.

PSATS: A thank you letter was received from PSATS for continuing our membership with their organization.

Supervisor Comments: Chairwoman Kearney questioned the attorney and the board of allowing Eagle Lake to install an emergency notification siren. She advised the zoning code enforcement officer was going to prepare documentation for the board to review. A brief discussion ensued with questions arising about why they don't use a phone alert system for all property owners within Eagle Lake, etc. She also advised she received a call from a representative of PPL who is looking to host a public open house at the municipal office on April 20, 21, or 22. This open house would be to discuss the large project they are undertaking in Archbald. She offered the potential of the pavilion, and he is supposed to contact her to let

her know if that would work. The board does not feel it would be a good idea to have them utilize our pavilion because there would be too many people attending and that is also when the supervisors will be attending the annual PSATS conference in Hershey. An executive session will be held next Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00pm to discuss personnel and legal issues. An email was received from Aaron Sepkowski of Pocono Transportation asking for a letter of support for a Driver Workforce Development Program Grant he is applying for. There would be no financial obligation for Covington Township, this is simply a letter supporting his application.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: The work session adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 4.7.26

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wanda R. Andrich".